

Thursday, Aug. 24.

the inlet, there is a hope that the once famous home of the herring may be soon restocked, and the fishermen, who have suffered heavily, will be able to resume their former industry."

The following extract from the report tends to show that the Newfoundlanders are making a beginning of curing with a view to disposing of their catch that way instead of the present method.

"The cure of herring for foreign markets has been successfully introduced on the Scotch method and abundant proof furnished by the experiments of this department as well as by private enterprise, that this could be made a remunerative industry by the application of skill and capital. Now that a beginning has been made and the improved method of curing and packing adopted, it is to be hoped that coming years will witness an expansion of an industry which would prove much more lucrative than the present method of disposing of our herring."

### TAKEN UP THEIR TRAPS.

Owing to Scarcity of Lobsters, Fishermen Gave Up Business.

Much anxiety is expressed at this time by persons interested in the lobster industry of the state and by members of the fish and game commission at the alarming decrease in the number of "count" lobsters taken. In a recent report to the commissioners, Deputy Barney of Lynn said: "In my trips along the coast I find a large number of fishermen have taken up their traps owing to the great scarcity of lobsters. Those whom I talked with tell me it does not pay to bait and haul 50 traps and find only eight or 10 small lobsters." In regard to this report, Capt. Collins, chairman of the commission, says:

"There is no doubt but some radical measures will have to be adopted to prevent the extinction of the lobster. This will probably take the form of a recommendation by the commission for legislation that will either provide for a close season or for a law that will come nearer to enforcing itself than does the present one. This state is not the only one where the industry has fallen off, and even in Newfoundland the commission on fishers has recently called attention to the fact that the lobster industry has decreased more than 50 per cent. in the past year, and recommended legislation to protect it."

### Good Stocks.

Sch. Richard Lester, Capt. Webber, stocked \$2650 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$64.75.

Sch. F. W. Homans, Capt. William Melanson, stocked \$2670 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$59.

Sch. Dictator stocked \$3500 as the result of her recent cod and halibut trip, the crew sharing \$87. The regular skipper of this craft, Capt. Lemuel Spinney, stayed ashore this trip, and the good fare, made in the very short time of three weeks, was made under the command of Capt. Leonard Crowell, a young and hustling master mariner. This is Capt. Crowell's first trip as master for some time and his many friends wish him a continuance of his good fortune.

Sch. Blanche, Capt. John Hamilton, stocked \$2247 on her recent shack trip the crew sharing \$56.78.

### Big Fare.

Sch. Florence E. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, arrived this morning from Quero Bank with another big fare of 60,000 pounds of salt cod, 50,000 pounds of fresh cod and 5000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Stream's big fares are regular things. He is one of the real hustlers who do well year in and year out.

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Two Forty, Maine Coast, 22 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Margaret Mather, Maine Coast, seining.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Dictator, halibuting.

Sch. Niagara, halibuting.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, seining.

Sch. Gladiator, halibuting.

Sch. Talisman, dory handline codfishing.

Sch. Marsala, dory handline codfishing.

Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, halibuting.

Sch. Richard Lester, seining.

Sch. Hattie M. Graham, seining.

#### To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt., medium do., \$3.25; large trawl Georges, \$3.75, medium do., \$3.00; handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.75; large dory handline cod, \$3.50, medium do., \$3.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.50; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, \$1.00; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 60 cts.

Outside sales of shack fish, \$2.00 per cwt. for large cod, \$1.50 for market cod, \$1.50 for cusk, \$1.00 for hake, \$1.00 for haddock, 60 cents for pollock.

Outside sales bank cod, \$3.50 per cwt for large and \$3.00 for mediums.

Outside sales dory handline bank cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.50 per cwt. for medium.

Rips cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.15 for small.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Fetched halibut, 6 cts. per lb.

Salt mackerel, \$12.38 to \$12.58 per bbl. for rimmed, \$11.50 to \$11.75 for plain, \$10 for tinkers.

Fresh mackerel, 7 1/2 cents each.

Swordfish 10 cents per lb.

### Boston

Aug. 22.—, Ar. sch. Mary Cabral, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 9 swordfish.

Steamer Quartette, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Alick M. Guthrie, 45,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 35,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 40,000 fresh fish.

Haddock, \$3; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$2.50; pollock, \$3.

### Mackerel Notes.

Sch. Hattie M. Graham sailed yesterday, Capt. John S. Seavey being much better.

The mackerel fishing on the Nova Scotia coast has played out and no fish of any account are now being taken.

Sch. Leander F. Gould was at Provincetown Tuesday with 125 barrels salt mackerel.

The fares of schs. Lena and Maud and Kearsarge sold to Fred L. Davis.

The fare of sch. John S. Presson sold to S. H. Levin's Sons of Philadelphia, at \$11.50 per barrel.

### BIG SEA TURTLE.

Captured by Sch. Kentucky Yesterday Off Cape Cod.

Sch. Kentucky, Capt. Elroy Prior, which arrived from seining this morning, had on deck a big sea turtle which was captured off Cape Cod yesterday. The big fellow weighed 2813 pounds. Two of the crew rowed out to him and after considerable difficulty a tackle was rigged around him and he was hauled aboard.

It is said that the monster caught the eye of a summer visitor at East Gloucester, who bought him at the rate of 10 cents

Capt. J. W. Collins, who is chairman of this commission, is of the opinion that some radical measures must be adopted to prevent the extinction of the lobster, and a close season must either be provided or some law that will be better enforced than the present one.

It's the same old story of "killing the goose which lays the golden egg." So long as there is a demand for "short" lobsters there will be persons found who will run the risk of prosecution and furnish the supply. If the public in general will join together and refuse to purchase these "short" lobsters, and have it understood that the infringement of the law will be likely to lead to trouble, then and not until then will the efforts made to protect the lobster industry be productive of good effects. It needs an arousal of public sentiment to such a degree that there will be no demand for the prohibited article or the risk to catch and sell them will be such that the fishermen will not care to be caught with "short" lobsters in their possession. The time for stringent action has arrived or the lobster will be among the things of the past.

### FEARS FOR THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY.

Again there is considerable anxiety felt by those interested in the lobster industry, regarding the scarcity of the crustacean. The fish and game commission announces that many of the fishermen, not only along this coast, but even along the Canadian and Newfoundland coasts, complain of this scarcity and say that it does not pay to bait and haul their traps for the meagre catch, and many of them have taken up their traps.

### VALUABLE INVENTION.

The Chase Fish, Lobster and Game Trap.

This invention, which has been mentioned previously in these columns, is making for itself an interesting record along the north shore and in some parts of Maine. Mr. Fred Parsons, the well known lobster fisher, is the agent for Gloucester. He has been using one of the traps for the past week with satisfactory results. Mr. Parsons says that this trap can be used for lobsters and crabs or for any kind of fish that swim. He also affirms that it will catch any kind of birds or animals. While the trap was resting upon the bank a few minutes last week a huge wharf rat entered to steal some bait and concluded to stay until called for.

Mr. A. J. Chase is well known for his many valuable inventions now in general use. It is more than probable that this family fishing device will become very popular in all parts of the world.

### Swordfishing Profitable.

Capt. Joseph Prout arrived at Portland on Wednesday morning in the sloop Isabel Corson, from a two days' trip after swordfish. He and his partner went off the Cape shore some distance and succeeded in getting four very big fish, whose average weight was 500 pounds each. They were disposed of at 10 cents a pound and the two men divided \$200 between them.